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1. The Six-Year Plan envisaged the training of a certain number of reserve officers who were to complete their army training concurrent with their university studies. Thus an ROTC course (Studjum Wojskowe), which runs for three years and has priority over all other subjects, was created in the 1950-1951 academic year in every university to train students as reserve officers. The Studja Wojskowe attached to engineering institutes (Politechniki) train student reserve officers in artillery and technical arms and services; those attached to medical academies train reserve officers for the medical services.
2. All students regardless of age and sex who have not undergone army service must attend the Studjum Wojskowe. Completion of it is considered equivalent to completion of compulsory military service. After a final examination before a commission of the Ministry of National Defense, graduates are granted reserve officer diplomas.
3. The first year of the Studjum Wojskowe was planned to train students on the level of NCO's. Lectures were held in the Institute building and field training was conducted in Bielany near Warsaw. The results achieved in the first year of training were generally good, particularly as regards target firing which the young people regard as good sport. Every student is obliged to attend ten weeks of special training in summer camps between the second and third year at the institute.
4. During the academic year students must pass various tests; the resulting marks are entered on their personal cards ( indeksy) by the officer lecturers. Students who fail a test must take it repeatedly until a passing grade is obtained. At the end of year there is a final examination before a commission composed of eight officers from the Ministry of National Defense. Students who fail even in one subject during this final examination are not allowed to repeat it and are disqualified from admission to the next year of studies.\*

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5. It is very difficult to be exempted from the Studjum Wojskowe, and it can only be done on the grounds of health certified by the Medical Board. Such defects as physical underdevelopment and organic faults which normally disqualify the citizen from army service are not considered grounds for exemption unless the student is actually a cripple.
6. Students who twice during the academic year fail to attend sessions of Studjum Wojskowe without producing a certificate by the army medical officer or the written permission of the president of the institute are punished by dismissal from the institute. Since there were many cases of absenteeism during the first year of the Studjum Wojskowe's existence and forty students were thus dismissed from the Warsaw institute, new penalties of arrest and detention in the cells of the Warsaw garrison were to be introduced in the 1952-1953 academic year.
7. The head of the Studjum Wojskowe faculty attached to the Warsaw institute is a colonel of the Polish Army who speaks Polish with a strong Russian accent. The first class consisted of four companies of men and one company of women. Company commanders were students selected by the president of the institute. Instructors, who were officers from the Warsaw garrison, changed constantly. Theoretical subjects were given by officers and students who volunteered for this job in return for an hourly remuneration amounting to about 400 zloty per term.
8. According to recent orders the length of service in the Polish armed forces has been fixed as follows:\*

Army:	3 years
Navy:	5 years
Air Force:	5 years

This extension has caused bitterness in all three services and has even resulted in some suicides and desertions. It is believed no volunteers for the navy and the air force can be obtained.

9. The military classification number of officially recorded ex-soldiers of the AK (Armja Krajowa - Home Army) is 132. This number is entered under the heading "specjalnosc wojskowa" in their military books.

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\* [ ] Comment: [ ] a failure before the final examination commission does not disqualify the student entirely; he is apparently permitted to repeat the year. 25X1

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\*\* [ ] Comment: Certain specialists are to be retained for an even longer period.

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